Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: (*a*) and (*b*) The nature of the work done is such that in most cases the Industrial Chemist and the Chemical Assistant have to attend to the same work, and it is therefore not possible to separate their work and say which part was done by the Industrial Chemist and which by the Chemical Assistant. For work done by the Chemical Assistant and the Industrial Chemist *vide* answer to question No. 13.

Work done by the Prospector during 1109 and 1110.

16. ***Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai:** With reference to the working of the Prospector, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the work or works in which he was engaged during 1109 M. E. and the results thereof; and

(*b*) the programme of work awaiting him for 1110 M. E.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: (*a*) and (*b*) The Prospector assists the Geological Assistant in his work, according to the instructions given from time to time. No separate report on his work can be given as it is not possible for him to do any work independent of the Geologist. The Geological Assistant's programme of work includes that of the Prospector also. For the Geological Assistant's work vide answer to question No. 14.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know under whose direction the Geological Assistant and Prospector work?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: The Prospector works under the direction of the Geological Assistant.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Is it not possible for the Prospector to do any work independent of the Geological Assistant?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: No.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: What was the work actually turned out by the Prospector during 1109?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: The information is laid on the table.

Applications for grants to primary schools.

17. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to give a list showing:

(*a*) the number of applications received for grants to primary schools for the last two years;

(*b*) the number of Hindu, Christian and Mahomedan applicants; and

(*c*) the number for which grants were sanctioned and the number of Hindu, Christian and Mahomedan applications granted?

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Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A *statement giving the information asked for is laid on the table.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : May I know the percentage of Hindu applications which were granted ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : On a point of order, Sir ; do supplementary questions arise on statements laid on the table ?

President : Yes, if they are relevant to the main question.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Nearly 50 per cent. of the Hindu applications were granted ; about 55 per cent. of the Christian applications were granted ; and about 60 per cent. of the Mahomedan applications were granted.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether Government follow the principle of communal representation in giving grants to schools ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : No, Sir.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : What is the principle then ?

President : There are rules, I suppose ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : There are Grant-in-aid Rules.

Progress made in the establishment of the Rubber Factory.

18. *Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : Will the Government be pleased to state the progress so far made in the establishment of the proposed Rubber Factory in the State ?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : The building for the Rubber Factory has been completed and the necessary machinery got down. The machinery is being erected. The raw materials and chemicals have also been purchased and all arrangements for the working of the Factory are being speedily made.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : What is the amount spent hitherto on purchase of raw materials ?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : Rubber alone has been purchased for Rs. 32,000. I have not got the exact figure about the chemicals, etc.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know from the member whether the fitting up of the machinery is complete ?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : Yes. It is complete now.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Then may I know what is meant by the answer that the fitting up of the machineries is nearing completion ?

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Appendix V B.

Programme of work for 1110 M. E.

(Geological Assistant.)

1. Prospecting for minerals.
2. Inspection of mining operations and collection of mining statistics.
3. Underground water survey in the arid tracts of the State.
4. Laboratory work.
5. Any special and important work that may come up for investigation etc.

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Appendix VI.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 17.**

Applications for grants to primary schools.

Communities.		*No. of applications received.*	*No. granted.*
Hindus	....	181	85
Christians	...	233	149
Mahomedans	...	18	13
Total	...	**432**	**247**